

REMARKS

Claims 8, 15-16, 20-27, and 29-30 are now pending in the application. Claims 9-10 are cancelled herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishino et al. (JP 2002-182199) in view of Iwabuchi et al. (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0011029). Claims 9-10 are cancelled herein. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection has been rendered moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 8, 15-16, 20-27, and 29-30 are allowed. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration of these claims.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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